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1. THE LATEST INFORMATION ON GONZALEZ IS CONTAINED IN
REF B WHICH WE ARE BELATEDLY REPEATING TO YOU. LIKE THE
ITALIAN CHARGE HERE, WE ARE TAKING THE GOC'S POSITIVE HINTS
AT FACE VALUE.

2. THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO ASSURANCE THAT THE GOC WILL
ALLOW GONZALEZ TO LEAVE CHILE EARLY NEXT YEAR. AS REF B
MAKES CLEAR, THE GOVERNMENT--AND PARTICULARLY AIR FORCE
CINC GENERAL LEIGH--REMAINS VERY SKITTISH ABOUT WHAT
GONZALEZ MAY SAY ONCE HE IS SAFELY OUT OF CHILE. TODAY'S
PRESS REPORTS A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SUIT AGAINST HENRY
KISSINGER BY THE FAMILY OF US CITIZEN CHARLES HORMAN.
HORMAN WAS APPARENTLY DETAINED SHORTLY AFTER THE 1973 COUP
BY THE GOC AND DIED A SHORT TIME LATER UNDER MYSTERIOUS
CIRCUMSTANCES. THE HORMAN FAMILY SUIT REPORTEDLY
CHARGES THAT HENRY KISSINGER (AND OTHER DEFENDANTS)
IN EFFECT "REQUESTED" THE ARREST AND DEATH OF HORMAN.
GONZALEZ HAD MADE IT CLEAR IN THE PAST TO NEWSMEN
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(CALLING ON HIM IN THE ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE) THAT HE
"KNOWS" SOMETHING ABOUT THE HORMAN AFFAIR. THE LAWSUIT
AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE THE GOC
ANY MORE EAGER TO RELEASE GONZALEZ.

3. THE USG'S STRONG INTEREST IN THE RELEASE OF THE
GONZALEZ FAMILY HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE GOC HERE

AND IN WASHINGTON REPEATEDLY OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS--
MOST RECENTLY ON OCTOBER 3. CAPECE'S "DISAPPOINTMENT"
THAT THE US "HAS NOT DONE MORE TO PERSUADE THE CHILEAN
GOVERNMENT TO LET GONZALEZ FAMILY GO" IS BOTH SNIDE
AND UNJUSTIFIED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU COULD GET
THIS MESSAGE ACROSS TO GOI MFA OFFICIALS.
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